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Cover Photo

Last week three young people sat on the steps of a little log chapel on the Scarritt college campus in Nashville talking over plans that would soon take them to three different parts of the country.

In his travels back and forth across the land John Wesley had once spoken in the chapel. These young people would travel much more quickly than Wesley had, and in a much different way, but their reason for traveling would be the same—to carry something of Christianity to a place where it was needed.

They were part of the school for training U. S.-2's "Us-Toos," short-term missionaries. Their story begins on page three.

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NOT JUST SEMANTICS

Sirs:

CONCERN has always been a favorite newspaper and news magazine of mine. You are doing an excellent job in bringing great issues to the attention of young people in The Methodist Church.

I should like to comment, however, on a column in the 24 July issue entitled, "Well, Have You?"

The only answer I could give to the question is "No." When the question is asked as in this column, "Have you ever won someone to Christ?" I say an emphatic, "No!" even though I have been a pastor in a local church, active in youth work, and now am in full time work in youth evangelism.

I answer "No" to that question because no individual ever wins anyone to Christ. God alone through Christ wins people. To answer yes to such a question seems to me to usurp what lies only in the hands of God.

On the other hand, if the question were asked, "Have you ever witnessed for Christ in order that others shall be led to Him?" then we could say "yes." The point is that a Christian does not make a Christian out of another person, but only witnesses to that which God through Christ has done in his life. He shares his faith with oth through the power of the Holy Spi We may have an influence on anot but his being "won" is in God's han

There is considerably more than mantics involved here. The quest involved is our role in proclaiming Gospel to other people. We need to w ness and proclaim whether anyone "won" or not.

Incidentally, I overlooked the s tence in the middle of the page a figured it was only a typographi error when you say, "At least t things are involved in trying to w Christ to others."

Alva I. Cox, Jr., Chic Director, United Christ Youth Mission

AN IMPROVEMENT

Sirs:

The copy for your feature "T Front Page" was lots better in 21 August issue than in the few ah of that one. I like it better when y touch on a lot of different subje instead of using up that space in de ing with just one "headline."

Also, while I'm writing, and this m sound kind of funny along with above, when do we get another of yo "Background" features? They're gre Our MSM uses them for discussi and most of us keep the dope on f

We add a lot of our own stuff what you've given us to start with th way.

Bob Fitch, Nebras

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NEWS

Whole church set to pray for youth

As 13 September approaches, final ord is passing up and down the sta- n charges and circuits of The Meth- ist Church so everyone will be ready · the special "day of prayer for uth."

At its end of April meeting in Oma- , the Council of Bishops asked every stor to offer a special prayer for uth at the Sunday morning worship rvice, 13 September. Throughout the ll, the bishops hope, a prayer for uth will be included in every church orship service.

The promotion of the Youth Empha- s gains momentum this fall with ecial radio and television programs, t the foundation of it all is in church- de prayer. Suggested for use 13 ptember is the brief "Prayer for outh."

PRAYER FOR YOUTH

Eternal God, whose holy purpose for all mankind was revealed in Jesus of Nazareth;

Grant to young people everywhere vision and strength for this new day;

That, equipped by Thee for larger years to come and possessed of wider boundaries of heart and mind, they may ever seek to keep abreast of truth and walk in purity and faith along Thy holy way. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Us--Too's' ready to ead for mission field

—BY TOMMY DILLARD

The Mission Field. An exciting in- tation to those who would serve their urch and its purpose while binding e U.S. and the world closer together a personal relationship.

Answering this invitation has become e primary concern of 32 young college raduates who have offered two or ree years of service with home mis- on projects within the United States nd its outposts, Hawaii, Puerto Rico nd Alaska.

Six weeks of intensive training and

The U.S.-2 training center in Nashville wasn't all work. Martha Sue Montgomery, Ovitta Sue Harris and Richard Bright took time out to pop popcorn for the whole crowd on more than one occasion. The 32 trainees made several bus side-trips to spots around Nashville, too.

study have been completed at Scarritt college in Nashville, Tenn., and the third group of U.S.-2's is anxious to test the principles of theology, group work and fellowship acquired during the summer session.

Supplementing the hours of study on every phase of the mission program and the church's work were tours of nearby home missions projects as well as a week-end journey through Kentucky, North Carolina, and Georgia, visiting mission settlements and taking in tourist sights along the way.

On the tour the young people, all college graduates with a desire to serve as "short-term" missionaries, saw situations similar to those in which they would be working by this fall.

One girl summed up a common opinion with, "It's a good thing we had our assignments before making this trip, or we would have had a hard time deciding which field we would most want to enter."

Included in the work to be done by the "Us-Too's," as they call themselves, in relation to all of the people doing the church's job, are assignments

in settlement houses, community centers, children's homes, hospitals, Rural and Urban churches and schools. The areas of assignment spread from California on the west coast to Florida in the Southeast and north to Vermont, including the three outposts mentioned above.

During the six weeks' training period the students managed to find time for recreational activities and fellowshipping, or "girl-boating" as it was referred to since there were 28 girls and only four boys in the group.

Program for the training center was planned and guided by Miss Alpharetta Leeper, secretary of missionary personnel for the Board of Missions and Miss Ruth Smith, personnel field secretary.

Instructors for the group were Dr. John Johannaber, professor of Bible at National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City; Mr. Carl Obenauf, supervisor of Marcy Center in Chicago, who taught group work methods; Dr. Horace Williams, Mrs. J. Fount Tillman and Dr. J. M. Batten, who introduced the Church at Work; Miss Jean Cleveland, who taught recreation theory and practice; Miss Dale Keeler who taught Religious Education, and the four Bureau Secretaries of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Miss Muriel Day, Miss Marjorie Minkler, Miss Emma Burris and Miss Elizabeth Nowlin, who explained specific working situations and counseled workers.

In addition to the galaxy above key Nashville personnel from the national office of the church there, spoke to the group on specific subjects.

The "two's" assigned from the Northeastern Jurisdiction are Martha Kemp, New York, to Ambersdale, West Virginia; Ruth Knight, Nashua, New Hampshire, to Bartlett, Alaska; Alice McClellan, Averill Park,

w York, to Chattanooga, Tenssee; Fred Robbins, Lesminr, Massachusetts, to Santurce, erto Rico; Dorothea Saunrs, Stanford, Connecticut, to omasville, Georgia.

From the Southeastern Jurisrtion, Ann Cousins, Enfield, rth Carolina, to Tampa, Flor; Betty Sue Griffin, Dothan, abama, to Thomasville, Geor; Edith Harper, Greensboro, rth Carolina, to Sioux City, va; Ann Heard, Columbus, orgia, to Ellijay, Georgia; n McDade, Foosland, Mississpi, to Laverne, California; s Smith, Charles City, Virnia, to Charles City, Virginia, d Mary Ann Wittstruck, St. tersburg, Florida, to Barre, rmont.

From the Central Jurisdicn, Dorothy Campbell, Willis, xas, to Cincinnatti, Ohio; ymond Gibson, Greensville, uth Carolina, to Gary, Indna, and Bobbie Nell Johnson, uston, Texas, to Fort Wayne, diana.

From the North Central Jurliction, Kay Peters, Madrid, wa, to Grand Rapids, Michin; Lois Jones, Jackson, Michin, to El Paso, Texas; Joyce erson, Burt, Iowa, to northn Florida, and Richard Quinn, La Grange Park, Illinois, Aiken, South Carolina.

From the South Central Jurliction, Ruth Beggs, Ensign, nsas, to Thomasville, Geora; Beverly Campbell, Jackson, ssissippi, to St. Joseph, Missri; Tommy Dillard, Dallas, xas, to Seward, Alaska; Polly mar, La Grange, Texas, to uston, Texas; Velma Grier, ven, Kansas, to Hollywood, lifornia; Sue Harris, Stuttrt, Arkansas, to Honolulu, waii; Phyllis Hartnett, Engn, Kansas, to Oakwood, Virnia; Hazel King, Fort Worth, xas, to Philadelphia, Pennsyania; Martha Sue Montgomy, Fort Walton, Florida, to dartown, Georgia; Betty ade, Melrose, N. Mexico, to

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Wrens, Georgia, and Richard Bright, Gonzales, Texas, to Nashville, Tennessee.

From the Western Jurisdiction, Marty Kostal of Hayward, California, was assigned to Pharr, Texas.

'Threes' train at Hartford seminary

Training this summer a Hartford, Conn. are the 195 crop of "threes" who will soo leave to serve the church fo three years in foreign mission ary fields.

They will assist in educationa and social service projects i Latin America, Southeast Asi Korea and Japan.

The group, all single colleg graduates under thirty years o age, completed six weeks o orientation much like that se up for the "twos," including visit to the U. N. headquarter and other New York touris spots. Their study featured a intensive training in the cultur and languages of the countrie each would serve, plus course on the church's point of vie and its service to the people i those countries.

They'll sail in August an September.

Dean of the Hartford trai ing conference was Dr. Jame E. Ellis, administrative secr tary for Latin America of th division of world missions o The Methodist Church. He wa assisted by Rev. David White missionary to Cuba. Counselor for the women trainees wer Miss Elizabeth Lee, secretar for Latin American work of th Woman's Division of Christia Service, and Miss Metchtel Dirksen, missionary to Malaya

The faculty included Dr James Price, Duke university Dr. Flemmie Kitterell, Howar university; Miss Rosa May But ler and Dr. Ina C. Brown, Scar ritt college for Christian work ers; Mr. Daniel Fetler, Rut gers; and Dr. T. Y. Wu, visit ing professor at Hartford semi nary.

Furloughed missionaries and nationals from the countries where the trainees will work came in from time to time to assist in language and culture studies.

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—Photo by Ken Spain

The gleam in the eye of these five U.S.-2's is for the wheels who run cago's "Welcome Travelers" radio program. At the Scarritt college training ter, the girls discovered that they would travel through Chicago on the way to ir assignments and so they laid many plans to get on the radio show. They t to tell the story of the U.S.-2's to a big audience. They are Tommy Dillard, th Harper, Ruth Knight, Mary Ann Whittstruck and Bonnie Nell Johnson.

Eisenhower God's man says Temperance leader

Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance in Washington has issued a statement reporting on a recent personal interview granted him by the president. The following are some quotes from the report.

"In . . . our conversation I was impressed with the fact that we have a President who has a great purpose!

"I was impressed that we have a President who is the people's man, one who seeks to know and serve his vast constituency as a group of individuals who have personal rights and social responsibilities. Better still, Mr. Eisenhower is God's man!

"I told the President that discerning churchmen are proud of his gallant profession of faith. I had a definite way of knowing that back in August of 1952 the General and Mrs. Eisenhower dedicated their lives in a new sense to the service of God. Following his election to the highest office in the land, Mr. Eisenhower has exemplified in many ways the sincerity of his devotion to God and to unselfish service of His people.

"President Eisenhower listened attentatively and seriously to my report. He took the problems of the churches and the people very much to heart. I came away with the impression that his greatest desire is to do the will of God that His people and the nations of the world might rejoice together in righteousness.

"In this personal enclosure with the nation's Chief Executive, it became increasingly apparent that we have in the White House an exceptionally strong man who is spiritually motivated and seriously determined to give the people of America and the world the kind of government that God can honor with prosperity and peace.

"I came out of this conference with the firm conviction that so long as Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower are in office, there will be no serving of alcoholic beverages or any other indulgences that would disturb the faith or distort the practices of people who have a right to look toward the White House for strength."

Ewing on CBS

This Sunday youth department director Harold Ewing will preach on the Youth Emphasis to a nationwide radio audience over Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air." The program originates from Nashville's station WLAC at 8:00 a.m. Central Standard Time.

Youth work institutes to train key leaders

In September and October key youth and adult leaders will come to almost 40 cities for one and two-day youth work institutes.

Purpose of the institutes, says Wilson Cheek, director of the National Council of Churches' youth department, is to consider creative approaches to youth work, to review new resources for program building, to think through basic reasons for interdenominational cooperation, and to plan a cooperative strategy for youth work.

Executive secretaries, directors of youth work and presidents of conference MYFs should attend the institute nearest them. Interdenominational teams will lead the institutes. Dates and places of the institutes have been mailed to conference offices by the Methodist youth department, Nashville.

ource of concern

"Prepare to meet thy God"

ou're riding along at a rapid clip, round a bend, and that sign crude-tter on a rock screams out at you. ne religious nut," you sputter; uld keep the highways clear." nat? No Burma-shave either?) Or, may think, "That old-time way, al-s harping on judgment and death; l we're more enlightened these s." (By that time, you've seen sev-dozen ads that have probably driv-ny thought of religion further into limbo of "to-be-faced-later."

ut this bomb-business. May be later than we like to think; even *too* if we've elected hate and fear to life-motives and nations' actions. t suppose we were getting ready to t God, *what would we do?* How pare? Suppose this very day . . . hour . . .

—After all, we dress with exquisite e for a date; we rehearse mentally at we'll say on an important oc-ion. We ready up the house when pany is coming. But . . . to meet ?

Prepare to meet thy God at eleven ock Sunday morning." Is not that eeting" what church services are ? Yes, and youth fellowship meet-s . . . not just fellow-ship and girl-p but a conscious seeking of rela-n with One Higher; not just having programs but up-winging aspiration, prayer, illumined thinking *through* the words and hymns and offerings and all. Who of us pauses first to *prepare* in mind and heart as we groom ourselves outwardly? Of a thousand church attenders asked at the sanc-ary door *why* they had come, "to rship God" was the reason given venth place or so. What would the re be about an MSM or MYF meet-g? ("Oh," someone answers, "we have many other phases of our program —like recreation, eats, plans to be made, problems to be solved. We can't be so long-faced talking about religion —youth might not come!") And so we "make devotions snappy." On with the fun! Must win, attract, hold.

Miss Bowman

—But just maybe what would thrill youth more would be to get hold for sure of some spiritual anchors (one said that this very day). Maybe there's something basically winsome, attractive as a powerful magnet attracts, in *real religion!* Unit-discussions that plow 'way down deep through crusted surface thoughts about God and man and sin, and break up hard lumps of indifference . . . and prepare for new planting of life ideas! Worship that becomes a tremendous focusing with all youth's powers and urgency . . . somehow we've wondered if youth might experience mighty winds of the Spirit like at Pentecost if only there were similar seeking! We can each, probably, recount times when strange, moving "answers" have seemed to come from prayer—maybe not just in the way sought, but we felt *responded to*—was it not when our prayers was with "all our hearts," as in Mendelssohn's Elijah? . . . Not just a "youth movement" . . . but youth giving a channel for another of God's Mighty Acts through which Christian history has moved forward . . . His Movement.

Concern Feature

"Prepare . . . to meet . . ." But we cannot come without our brother! An injured man was taken by a stranger who found him on the highway to the brother's address he stammered out. But the man at first refused to take him in. "He's your problem," he told the stranger. Then, looking more closely, there was recognition. "Why . . . he *is* my brother!" He shouted. "I'll take care of him now!" Yes, we look the other way or refuse to recognize, or indulge in oleaginous sentimentality about "brotherhood." But preparing

to meet . . . God: means some concrete caring about individual brothers . . . like in Korea tonight, or 'most anywhere . . . our town.

Let us pray that we may be the kind of instruments through whom God great good purposes for the wh world can somehow be helped alon Amen.

—BY CLARICE BOWMA

Thinking out the news

It's more than we think

What is "McCarthyism?"

In a recent column, this writer said the term had come to mean "the practice of attack through innuendo and blanket charges, with highly inadequate opportunity for defense."

That's part of it, but we'd like to add some more. In doing this, we'd also like to acknowledge a debt to the *Reporter*, an exceptionally fine fortnightly, which in a recent issue took the McCarthy "investigating technique" apart to let the reader see what made it tick.

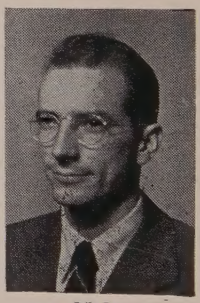
Even before reading the articles in the *Reporter*, the columnist had begun to expand his original idea of McCarthy and McCarthyism. At first, there were several things in "McCarthyism" which seemed obvious: "red-baiting," or witch-hunting; moving from one charge to another so fast that no defense could be presented adequately to the public; apparent gross exaggeration or mishandling of fact; and what appeared to be Republican party political opportunism.

With others, your columnist assumed that when the Republicans came to power, McCarthy's ears would be clipped, since he would have nothing left to attack but a Democratic regime which already was out of office.

When he saw McCarthy and his cohorts training their guns on highly placed figures in the Republican phalanx, the columnist thought: "Well, this man has really gone too far; he's cooked his own goose. He has become clearly ridiculous to everyone." But has he? On second thought, it became apparent that McCarthy might become a much more important national figure than had appeared possible. Here was a man who could actually attack the Republicans for being too lenient towa Communism, and seemingly get aw with it! Obviously, here was a m with Hitler-like potentialities.

Sense

The article in the *Reporter* was nee ed, however, to bring full realization what "McCarthyism" is. It is not ju red-baiting or witch-hunting or boo burning; it is, indeed, political o portunism, but it is not specifical "Republician"; it is a wild (yet in sense deeply shrewd) "nihilism"— exploiting of people's dissatisfaction



Nelson

a hitting out everything a everybody in hig places, an attem to discredit jus about everybody a everything!

Perhaps that putting it a litt too strongly. But you read that July issue of th *Reporter*, you wi realize: (a) the e tent to which ce tain government agencies already hav been demoralized by McCarthyism an its techniques; (b) the fear, contemp and scorn with which Europe regard this new American development (th German press compares McCarthy's in vestigators to the once-dreaded Ges tapo); (c) the wide range of matter into which self-appointed, or McCarthy appointed investigators now injec themselves.

McCarthyism began by scattering "anti-Communist" buckshot; if no stemmed, it may result in a complet loss of confidence in the processes o orderly government as Americans hav known them. It is a force which hurl destruction "on all fronts."

—BY CLAUD NELSON, JR

Oxnam testimony
United States News

e United States News and World rt, a weekly magazine edited by l Lawrence, has published testi- of Bishop Oxnam before the e Un-American Activities commit-

e hearing, granted Bishop Oxnam s own request to provide an op- nity for the correction of erron- and misleading material about him e Committee's files, was held in nington, 21 July.

its close the committee voted un- ously that they had no evidence ating any Communist affiliation ne part of the bishop (7 August ERN).

e issue of the *U. S. News* carry- 52 pages of testimony is dated 7 ust. Now that it is off the stands, al arrangements have been made at news dealers receiving requests copies after the issue is off the lis may obtain them from their esalers.

pies may also be obtained by send- 20¢ to Anthony R. Gould, Business ager, 24th & N. Streets, N. W., hington 7, D. C.

ONCERN re-reviews
ne good films

ast week CONCERN editors had a ce to look over three films they n't seen for some time and decided as high time for a re-review.

ERITAGE is a fairly new film pro- d by the Anti-Defamation League in cooperation with the United Christian Youth Movement and the Catholic Youth Organization of Chicago.

It's an animated cartoon, done in the new style made famous by United Productions of America with their Gerald McBoing series and the Mr. McGoo's.

In the film, Tom Allman, an average fellow, starts kicking around some of the natural rights that are his as a man and as a citizen. When he does he finds out that the consequences aren't so pleasant. Before the cartoon is over, he gets a re-definition of his rights, why they're important and how they developed.

This one is short and punchy. It's got a couple weak spots, but it makes for a much better than average discussion starter.

THE TOYMAKER is a superb color film about puppets and the man who makes them work. But of course it's about a lot more too.

In all probability this film was first designed for children, but it has so much excellent thought in and behind it that it is being used over and over again with adult groups.

The puppets, Stripes and Spots, are playing happily together when the film opens, but they discover that they're different. One has stripes, the other spots. They build on their differences in simple, yet very unsimple ways until finally they're warring.

Then the Toymaker steps in and

n Heritage, John nan turns into a and starts getting h with people, ping on their toes, their rights as citi- s.

hen things really t to get interesting.

helps them see that there are basic principles that make them alike. Among them is the fact that "I made each of you."

The film lasts about 15 minutes and has a million different uses as discussion starters and as a lesson in itself not only in brotherhood and human rights, but in the area of world peace as well. In Nashville last week board staffs saw it as part of a worship service.

Probably the best thing out in films of this kind.

HIGH WALL is a feature that is closer to being a full length movie. It deals with the conflicts between groups of people divided because of national background and faith.

Probably it's best used as a program in itself for an evening. The story shows how prejudices develop in a family and are handed down from father to son.

The film is a little too hard on the adult members of the family, and if young people were to follow some of the attitudes of the youth in the film toward their parents, it could have some decidedly bad effects. The daughter, who is "able to think for herself" is pretty flip with her parents who have developed prejudices that are more like hatreds over a period of years.

High Wall is best shown to adult groups, to young adults, and to older youth. Not recommended, by CONCERN at least, for intermediates or seniors.

PENNY MIRACLE is not yet available for review but is worthy of mention here because it's the new Meals For Millions film that will be out very soon.

It's to be distributed free from t offices of Association Films, in N York (347 Madison Ave.); San Fra cisco (351 Turk St.); Chicago (2 South Michigan Ave.) and Dallas (19 Live Oak Street).

At the moment there have been o 10 prints ordered. This means that t film will be hard to obtain, but fr reports it will be worth the wait. sociation Films will take advance quests.

Meals For Millions is hoping th church and other groups will help purchase other prints to be made ava able for free distribution.

In the film, the well-known novel Adela Rogers St. Johns tells the sto of "the 3¢ meal" to her grand-daught Main action is on the Navajo reser tion, the true story of the struggle life in a beautiful but dangerous la (so says the brochure).

The other films listed above a available at a $1.00 rental charge fr the Anti-Defamation League, 11 Pry St., S. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

Say, Friend--

will you help us promote CONCERN in your part of the country? Write for a handbook that will tell you how. CONCERN, Box 871, Nashville.

Penny Miracle is a true story based on the work of Meals For Millions Foundation.

It was filmed on the Navajo reservation near Cross Canyons, Arizona.

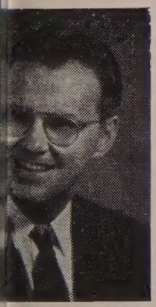
On location, the cast and directors ate native Navajo dishes which incorporated Multi-Purpose Food.

ig idea in Iowa

t here in Iowa, where the tall corn rs, they have a new and BIG idea! e youth leaders of Iowa are visit- every church in the North Iowa erence this week. It is a signifi- undertaking and should mean n to the MYF in Iowa as the mem- of the conference MYF council a few adult workers with youth sit n in every local church with the ers of the local MYF, the pastor, adult counselor and the secretary outh work of the Woman's Society hristian Service.

his BIG idea, called the Traveling owship (referred to hereafter as TF) came out of the creative think- of Mr. Royal Bennett, banker of boldt, Iowa, director of youth work he North Iowa conference and one ne hardest working youth workers ve ever seen. During this week I having the joy and thrill of travel- with the TF. Along are 20 lively school students and five adult ers.

e met at Morningside college on rday for a briefing period. The fing lasted late into the night. It was apparent that endless hours of preparation had gone into the plans for the TF in the personal preparation of the youth, in the planning of district youth councils and in the planning of Royal Bennett and Lou Hilbert, director of youth work for the Des Moines



Ewing

. Each night the TF moves in a van of six cars to the next district er. We arrive about midnight, tired enthusiastic, and are assigned to host's home for the night.

arly the next day the TF meets at headquarters church for the dis- and people get assignments for day's "circuits." The "circuit" is a of four churches expecting a team

MYF in action

of two youth to meet with them on a very carefully planned schedule. The meetings in the local church last about an hour and a half and then the TF team moves to the second church for the next meeting. At noon they are fed in the church, then about five they return to the headquarters church for reports, evaluation, worship and planning before the youth of the district gather for the evening picnic and rally.

While at the church the TF team talks with the youth and leaders about their MYF program, about the Youth Emphasis, about ways of planning more creative meetings, about resource materials for their youth program. They carry with them a complete set of the curriculum materials for the MYF and carefully explain their use. They show the value of careful planning with *Youth Planbook*. During the visit the TF team gives the local church all of these materials, leaves a free copy of *Handbook of the MYF*, and a set of materials on the Youth Emphasis.

Special Report

This is a thrilling week in the history of the MYF in North Iowa. During this week the TF teams will visit workers in more than 360 churches and talk with about 3,600 workers in their own MYF meeting rooms. They will travel more than 18,000 miles and will conduct rallies for approximately 2,000 Methodist youth. The greatest contribution the TF will make will be the remarkable enthusiasm of the youth on the TF teams as they meet the youth in the local churches.

These youth do not go out as "experts" on the program of the MYF. They have many answers to problems, but they too are stumped by some of the questions which they are asked. But they know where to find the answers, they know where to find help in the work, and they know that the most important element in any youth program is to keep "Christ Above All" —and for these enthusiastic Iowa youth there is no doubt but that Christ *is* above all!

—BY HAROLD W. EWING

'Holy Wood' cross sent to Texas camp

A tree that grew deep in the forest of Bolivia has become a symbol of fellowship between Methodist youth of that country and of the Southwest Texas conference. A palosanto (meaning holy wood) tree was carried out of the forest on the backs of men to trails where donkeys could drag it. Then it traveled by wagon and train to a carpenter's shop. There it was made into a cross, symbol of Christianity.

Spurred by Rev. Alberto Morovia, Bolivian Methodist who had visited Mount Wesley, Kerrville, Tex., for a youth assembly while studying in the states, the youth group shipped the cross to the Texas group. When steamship and airline companies learned about the shipment, they donated part of the freight charges.

The cross has been mounted on a rock foundation at the highest point of Mount Wesley. It is the focal point of morning vespers for groups in conference there. Stones for the foundation were carried up the mountain one at a time, each one representing a prayer, by youth of Southwest Texas.

Trips and camps end the summer

—AS THE SUMMER ENDED, CONCERN'S MAIL BROUGHT REPORTS OF MORE INSTITUTES, CAMPS, TRAINING CONFERENCES AND SEVERAL MYF TRIPS. HERE ARE FOUR SUMMARIES OF WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING.

◆ When Martin Park came home from the Youth School of Alcohol Studies last June, he wanted to sh his MYF the real alcohol problem. he arranged for the Central C church MYF to travel to Inglesi Nebr. to see the state mental hospi and to learn about alcohol's relat to mental health. Most startling fa a third of the patients accepted a alcoholics. One practical result of visit: youth will send a team to l services at the hospital chapel.

◆ Another Nebraska group took longer trip. The senior MYF from N folk church took a bus trip to Chic and for ten days saw the church work in many different situatio Tours in Chicago included a steel m a big league baseball game, a visit a huge printing plant where the bigg mail order companies' catalogs are p lished. The group made its headqu ters for the week at Halsted Street stitutional church, then decided to h complete repairs on the church's recr tion room.

◆ The Northwest Texas MYF h a training and planning conference local MYF presidents and all offic and leaders beyond the local chur First week of its kind in the conf ence, it helped everyone learn his in the MYF. Together they planned year's district work.

◆ Reports from Wisconsin show r spirit in a state project to have ev MYFer pause each day at 5:00 o'cl to say a prayer for the betterment the MYF. One slogan is "Prayer a to keep the MYF alive." The proj was begun in June by the 70 camp at the Wisconsin area youth traini workshop, held for the two conf ences in the state.

Youth leaders study the large poster they used in a dramatic presentation of the Youth Emphasis to the Kansas annual conference. Their theme this year: "Thy will be done through witness." Left to right are Charles Minsch, Bart Lockwood, Diane Sadler, Gene Davenport and conference MYF president E. A. Gilbert (seated).

dent exchanges growing rapidly

ports just published of the stu- exchange programs for 1952-53 r a tremendous increase in the ber of students studying abroad a greater number than ever com- tó the U. S. from other countries.

ver 85,000 students throughout the d left their own countries to study ad, according to the United Nations ational, Scientific and Cultural anization (Unesco). The students esent 55 countries, and Europe and h America each represent about er cent of the total.

ne United States led in foreign en- ent with some 33,000 students, sco says. France followed with 3 and the United Kingdom was l with 5,856.

Many Come to U. S.

the 33,000 foreign students who e to the U. S. to study last year, e came from Canada, China and many than from any other coun- . These three nations sent a total ,619 students. Other countries who more than 1,000 students were a, Japan, Colombia, Mexico and the ippines.

udents came from many parts of world to study here. They came n Afghanistan, Australia, Ceylon, pt, Ethiopia, Inner Mongolia, Tab- Tibet and the Tonga Islands. Out he total group, nearly 200 were sified as "stateless."

ne Tonga Islands student, John ea, teacher and pastor and here on ethodist Crusade scholarship, is the Tongan ever to come to the U. S. a visit. He is finishing his bachelor ivinity degree at Drew university.

New York Hosts the Most

atistics cited in the 1953 report of Committee on Friendly Relations ng Foreign Students show that York and California lead in the ber of foreign students enrolled in r campuses. New York was host to 6 students from other lands; Cali- ia was second with 4,442, followed llinois 1,700; Pennsylvania, 1,337; Washington state, 1,072.

MSM in action

Ecumenical exchanges brings church leaders

As its contribution in the student exchange program and to build better ecumenical understanding, the World Council of Churches is bringing 40 young Christian churchmen from fourteen different countries to the U. S. to study this year in 29 theological seminaries and graduate schools of religion.

This makes a total of 323 students who have been aided by the World Council scholarship program since its beginning eight years ago.

Participants are chosen on a basis of leadership in the church movement in their home countries and their ability to contribute to the life and thought of the schools and communities in which they live in this country.

Methodist seminary course pioneers in India's culture

The only organized program to study Indian culture, according to a World-over Press report from India, has just begun at Methodism's Leonard Theological Seminary at Jubalpore. Leonard has set up a pioneering course in Indian culture and will grant degrees to students who complete it.

Although Indian embassies abroad and the ministries of education and communications spend large sums of money to spread cultural ideas, no Indian university offers a degree curriculum in Indian culture.

Leonard's course stresses the traditions, customs and rituals of Indian Christianity.

Dutch queen calls conference

Princess Wilhelmina has invited Christian youth and student leaders to a conference that will consider how, in the spirit of Christ, the desire for European and world unity can be realized and what efforts can be made to stimulate "the regenerative powers of society." The World's Student Christian Federation, YMCA, YWCA, the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches, and church youth groups are invited to participate.

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